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In re Patent Application of )  
Kent MALMGREN et al ) Group Art Unit: 1623  
Application No.: 09/101,341 ) Examiner: E. White  
Filed: July 8, 1998 )  
For: METHOD OF PRODUCING AN )  
ABSORBENT MATERIAL, AN )  
ABSORBENT MATERIAL AND )  
ABSORBENT ARTICLES INCLUDING )  
THE MATERIAL IN QUESTION )

**REQUEST FOR REFUND**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the U.S. Patent and Trademark refund an overpayment made in connection with the above-identified application for the following reasons:

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Accordingly, the Commissioner is hereby requested to credit the overpayment of \$320.00 to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

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